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Application of

Applicants : Barrott et al.

Serial No. : 09/897,723

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Title : **COMPUTERIZED FAMILY ADVISING SYSTEM AND
METHOD FOR MAKING FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS**

Docket No. : AUR 0014 IA

Examiner : Fischer, Andrew J.

Art Unit : 3627

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**DECLARATION OF JOHN CHRISTOPHER BARROTT, NANCY KAY KOORS,
AND CHARLES EARL DAY, JR. UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.131**

J. Christopher Barrott, Nancy K. Koors, and Charles E. Day, Jr., the applicants in the above-identified patent application, declare as follows:

1. We are the co-inventors of pending claims 1-12 and 21-28 of the above-identified patent application, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. application 09/409,566, filed September 30, 1999, and we are the inventors of the subject matter described and claimed therein.
2. The above-identified application is assigned to Aurora Casket Company, Inc., with whom we were employed on the filing date of this application.
3. We are familiar with the Office Action mailed January 13, 2005, including the rejections made by the Examiner therein. We are also familiar with the references cited by the Examiner in that Office Action, including Torres et al. (U.S. 2002/0004757 A1).

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4. On a date prior to April 6, 2001, the filing date of the Torres et al. application, we had jointly conceived and reduced to practice the subject matter of claims 1-12 and 21-28 of this patent application. All of the acts reported below were carried out in the United States. As evidence of the conception and reduction to practice of the invention, we submit the following exhibit. As permitted by present practice, the date of each exhibit has been obscured.

Exhibit A is an updated training manual that was provided with the product incorporating the recited invention prior to April 6, 2001.

5. We hereby declare that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful and false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application and any patent issued thereon.

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J. Christopher Barrott

Date: _____

Nancy K. Koors

Date: 3/9/2005



Charles E. Day, Jr.